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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Hu et al.

Appl. No. 09/033,662

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For:

Human Vascular Endothelial

Growth Factor 3



Art Unit: 1646

Examiner: To be assigned

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Fourth Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In advance of prosecution, please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 21-25 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Please add the following new claims:

26. An isolated polypeptide produced by expression of the DNA of SEQ ID NO:1.

27. An isolated polypeptide produced by expression of the cDNA clone contained in

ATCC Deposit No. 97116.

28. An isolated polypeptide comprising a mature portion of a protein consisting of SEQ ID NO:2.

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